

April 30, 1968

Mr. Norman Conway
Suite 1208, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Conway:

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This is in reference to your letter of April 5 to [redacted] regarding proposed changes to Group Policy GMG 1799 and the resultant increase in cost to effect these changes. After a discussion of the changes outlined in your letter, [redacted] asked that I obtain from you the cost of two alternate changes, one of which was suggested by you in the sixth paragraph of your letter. They are:

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(1) The cost of modifying the Surgical Schedule only to the extent indicated on the attached list of surgical procedures.

(2) The cost of a \$600 Surgical Schedule.

It would also be helpful for discussion purposes if you could obtain for us the cost of changing the hospital room and board provision to full coverage of a semi-private room for the first 90 days.

Your interest in our plan and assistance in obtaining the cost factors associated with these alternatives is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

Attachment:
As stated

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Basic Surgical Schedule Allowance</u>	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
*0178	Excision of small neoplastic, cicatricial, inflammatory or congenital lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissues, one	3.0	office 5.0 hospital 10.0
0190	Wide excision of lesion of skin or subcutaneous tissue, one-	5.0	office 7.0 hospital 10.0
0230	Excision of nail, nail bed or nail fold, partial	3.0	5.0
0231	Complete	5.0	10.0
0238	Excision of pilonidal cyst or sinus	20.0	25.0
0441	Biopsy of breast	10.0	15.0
0445	Excision of cyst, fibroadenoma or other benign tumor, aberrant breast tissue, duct lesion or nipple (including any other partial mastectomy), unilateral	15.0	20.0
0451	Excision of cyst, etc. Bilateral	25.0	30.0
0457	Complete (simple) mastectomy	30.0	35.0
0470	Radical mastectomy, including breast, pectoral muscles and axillary lymph nodes	60.0	70.0
**0686	Nasal, simple, close reduction	5.0	7.0
2992	Tonsillectomy, with or without adenoidectomy, any age	15.0	20.0
3115	Subtotal gastrectomy	70.0	80.0
3261	Appendectomy	35.0	40.0
3377	Hemorrhoidectomy, external only	5.0	20.0
3380	internal and external	25.0	30.0
3456	Aspiration biopsy of liver	3.0	5.0

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3515	Cholecystectomy	55.0	60.0
3517	with open exploration of common duct	65.0	70.0
3631	Inguinal, unilateral	30.0	35.0
3633	with orchiectomy	30.0	40.0
3931	Cystoscopy, diagnostic	7.0	10.0
3933	with biopsy, initial	8.0	11.0
3934	subsequent	7.0	11.0
3935	with ureteral catheterization, initial	10.0	15.0
3936	subsequent	8.0	15.0
3937	with stone removal, manipu- lation, initial	20.0	25.0
3938	subsequent	15.0	25.0
4125	Circumcision - age 10 or more	8.0	10.0
4174	Excision of spermatocele without epididymectomy	13.0	30.0
4311	Prostatectomy, perineal subtotal	70.0	80.0
4316	suprapubic, one or two stages	70.0	80.0
4318	retropubic	70.0	80.0
4521	Culdoscopy (independent procedure)	7.5	15.0
4644	Local excision of lesion of cervix in conjunction with dilation and curettage	15.0	20.0
4646	Dilation and curettage of citerus (independent procedure), under general anesthesia	15.0	20.0
4647	for removal of uterine polyps	15.0	20.0
4914	Thyroidectomy, total or complete	60.0	70.0
4917	subtotal or partial	50.0	60.0
*0103	Acne surgery, marsupialization, opening, or removal of multiple milia, comedones, cysto, pualutes, etc.	.0	1.5
*2434	Arteriography (exclusive of X-ray allowance)	10.0	15.0
2435	(exclusive of X-ray allowance) lumbar	10.0	15.0